

**Mansfield Commission on Aging: Minutes**  
**Monday, July 12, 2004 2:30 PM – Senior Center**

PRESENT: S. Thomas (Chair), C. Phillips, M. Thatcher, B. Acebo, P. Secker, K. Grunwald (staff), P. Hope (staff), J. Brubacher  
REGRETS: J. Kenny, D. Mercier, E. Norris, N. Stevens

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM by the Chair, S. Thomas.
- II. **Appointment of Recording Secretary:** K. Grunwald agreed to serve as the recording secretary for this meeting.
- III. Acceptance of **Minutes** of the June 14, 2004 meeting: accepted as written.
- IV. **Correspondence** - Chair and Staff: S. Thomas reported from the CT Coalition on Aging Legislative Bulletin regarding recent legislation affecting seniors; copies will be included in the next packet. S. Thomas shared a copy of a letter to the Committee on Committees retroactively nominating C. McMillan and E. Norris.
- V. **Optional Reports** on Services/Needs of Town Aging Populations
  - A. Health Care Services

Wellness Center and Wellness Program – J. Kenny was not present; no report.  
Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation – J. Kenny: no report.
  - B. Social, Recreational and Educational

Senior Center – P. Hope distributed her report. She noted that there has been a small increase in participation in the meal program. One of the kitchen staff has resigned, and they are considering decreasing the frequency of Windham Hospital meals to only once a week. TVCCA meals would continue to be offered M-F. P. Hope also pointed out that program activity tends to decrease during the summer months. There will be a trip arranged to Summerville, an assisted living facility, and many members have expressed interest in seeing the facility.  
There is a new Resident Service Coordinator at Wright's Way, and staff have been encouraging residents to participate in the meals program on a regular basis.

Wellness Services P. Hope handed out a survey from Senior Resources and information on recent changes in Medicare.

Senior Center Assoc. – John Brubacher: no report.
  - C. Housing

Assisted Living Project: K. Grunwald reported that Sharry Goldman and Jan Scottron from the Coalition for Assisted Living attended the presentation by Summerville, and representatives of the Coalition will be visiting there to explore their interest in developing a facility in Mansfield.

Juniper Hill: S. Thomas reported that she had received an email from Marcia Zimmer requesting support for HUD funding for assisted living units for handicapped residents. P. Hope had provided a letter of support from the Senior Center.

Jensen's Park, Other: no report.

D. Related Town and Regional Organizations

Com. on Physically and Sensorily Impaired - Mary Thatcher: no report.

Senior Resources of Eastern CT: no report.

Town Plan of Conservation and Development: no report.

Town Community Center: no report.

## **VI Old Business**

Status of a Drive-by Mail Box: K. Grunwald shared a copy of a letter to the Storrs Postmaster from Assistant Town Manager, Matthew Hart, authorizing the Post Office to install a drive-up mailbox in the driveway of the Beck Building/Community Center.

Process for up-dating **the Long Range Plan (2004-2014)** – K. Grunwald: A suggestion was made that we evaluate where we are in terms of status of items in the current plan. A motion was made and seconded to incorporate strategies into the Long Range Plan that support realistically achievable and measurable objectives. The motion was passed by the Commissioners present. It was agreed that the process of using surveys to collect data are important and need to be incorporated into this plan. K. Grunwald and P. Hope will bring sample survey questions to the next meeting.

## **VII New Business: none.**

## **VI. Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.**

(next meeting set for Monday, **Sept 13**, 2004 at 2:30, Senior Center)